SUBJECTS.

The construction of a cart road to Alwaye to meet the Perumbavur Puthen Cruz road at the 7th mile via the Kumarapuram market in Kunnathnad.

Mr. Mathu Tharakan (Member, Kunnatnad taluk) urged the necessity for converting into a cartable road the village road running from Alwaye to the Kumarapuram market and extending the same as far as the 7th mile stone in the Perumbavur Puthen Cruz road. If this be done, the Member said that all the produce of the adjacent parts would find their way into the markets and that people could find easy means of transporting the forest produce and manure for agricultural purposes. Another advantage from the opening of this road would be to minimise the troubles of the people who now carried the forest produce through a circuitous way via Thrippunithura to Cochin.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The construction of a road from Podiyadi Kadavu on the Mavelikara Pulikal road to Neerattupuram at the frontier of the Ambalapuzha taluk.

Mr. Kerularu Mathavaru (Member, Jenmi, Quilon Division) represented that there was no road in the Nedumpuram proverthy and that consequently the people of the locality, and especially the school-going population, were put to great hardships and inconvenience in going to Thiruvella, the headquarters of the taluk, some 5 miles away. The people had to cross the stream at Podiyadi Kadavu which, especially during monsoon times, was very dangerous. To overcome this difficulty, the Member prayed that a road three miles in length might be opened from Podayadi Kadavu to Neerattupuram Kadavu at the borders of the Ambalapuzha taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Construction of a metalled road from Chathanad to Kuriapalli and of bridges over the canal between Parur on the one side and Chennamangalom and Vadakkakara on the other.

Mr. A. Govinda Menon, B. A. (Member, Parur taluk) said that the subject had been brought before the Assembly three or four times. There was only half a mile of public road, viz, portion of the Alwaye Parur road, in the whole taluk, although it was one of the most thickly populated and the most revenue-yielding taluks of the State. The road proposed was a very useful one and was included in the programme of works proposed by the Conference of 1085.

Dewan:—Yes. Your road stands as item No. 10 in the programme of works. It will be, in its turn, taken up.

The Member then pressed for the speedy execution of the work in spite of the order in the programme.

Dewan:—The programme cannot be altered.

The Member then observed that, in considering the urgency and importance of these works, the Government were not guided by proper advice. The only persons who were in touch with the people's needs were the Dewan Peishkar and the taluk authorities and they were not consulted.

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